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From Vienna, Decemb. 28.

WE were here in good hope that there should be a peace concluded both with the Grand Seigneur and *Bethlem Gabor*, and that these parts should not be so much molested with vnruly souldiers: but alas wee are now more to bee charged with them then before, seeing that the Emperour (hauing vnderstood by good intelligences, that *Bethlem Gabor* hath correspondency with the French, and the remainder of the League, and is gathering a strong army) is resolued to raise many new Regiments.

The Emperor gaue lately order vpon the earnest solicitation of the Archduke *Leopoldus*, that the Generall *Spinelli* should march with his Regiments towards *Alsatia*, and that *Don Balthaser de Marades* should likewise goe with his forces toward Millane.

They write out of *Hungary* that the Turkes wil haue some Hungarian Villages from the Emperour.

On the 11 day of this moneth came hither a Poste of Hungary with Letters of great importance.

His Imperiall Maiesty hauing vnderstood that both in *Silesia* and *Lusatia* there are diuers Commanders which leauy in those Prouinces many souldiers for foraine Princes and States: hee hath giuen order for the taking of them that they may be punished.

The Preſident and the other Commiſſioners that are appointed to try the cauſes of ſome inhabitants of the Land of *Over-Ens* that are accuſed of rebellion, were yeſterday to goe thitherwards, but their iourny is now deferred, by reaſon of ſome good conſiderations.

Here are at this time many Ambaſſadors of ſeuerall Electors and Princes of the Empire, but wherfore they are come we know not.

From Prage, Decemb. 30.

Here is but little Newes at this time: The Imperiall Commiſſioners went ſome ten dayes agoe againe to *Vienna*, but what they haue concluded ſince their laſt comming we cannot learne as yet. In the meane time goe the officers and States of this Kingdome daily to councell with the Lord of *Walſtain*, who is chiefe Steward of this Land.

Now lately was here againe by a publike Proclamation a contribution laid vpon this kingdome, namely, that euery Burger is to pay 2 Rixdollers for himſelfe, and euery Lord of a Mannour is to pay for euery one of his Boers one Rixdoller, and euery Boer is alſo for himſelfe to pay one Rixdoller. But this taxation is not to take place in ſuch townes, villages, and places which are compelled to maintaine either the horſe of *Don Baltheſar*, or any other Imperiall ſouldiers.

Few dayes agoe was here giuen notice to all ſhopkeepers and handicraft-men, that euery one of them after Newyeares day goe to Maſſe, turne Catholick, and get bils to ſhew that they haue made their confeſſion before Catholicke Romane Prieſts, or elſe they ſhould be forbidden to vſe their trades and handicrafts, if they haue beene made Burgers within theſe laſt ſix yeares.

From

From Rome the 12 of December.

The Ieſuites haue lately deliuered ſome letters which were ſent out of *Ethiopia* to the Pope, to giue him to vnderſtand that the King of the ſame Kingdome was turnd a Roman Catholike: and at the ſame inſtant they gaue him a Relation of 22 Ieſuites that dyed Martirs in the Kingdome of *Iapon*.

The write from *Spaine*, that his Catholike Maieſtie hath finally choſen the Marquis of *Zaccara* to bee his Vice-Roy in the Kingdom of *Sicilia*. The Gallies of the Prince *Doria* which went lately from *Barcelona* to *Cartagena* to fetcht ſome Companies of foot thence, are commanded to tary vntill ſuch time as the duke of *Newburgh* ſhall bee ready to ſaile with them towards *Italy*, but hee is not to depart thence before the Archduke *Charles* bee there ariued: As likwiſe that the King of *Spaine* hath giuen order that yet 40000 Crowns ſhould by letters of exchange bee made for the Dukedome of *Millan*. The Pope cauſeth all neceſſarie prouiſion to be made againſt the year of Iubile, and hath nominated 7 Prelates which are to appoint 4 Gentlemen that muſt looke to the Hoſpitals & ſhops to preuent that nothing be ſold too deare, and to procure that Pilgrims which ſhall come this holy yeare, be well vſed.

The father *Hiacintho* of *Caſale* who was ſent by the Pope into *Germany* about the affaires of the *Palatinate*, is come backe. They write from *Naples* that the Vice-Roy hath ſent one in whom he putteth his truſt, to view all the wals & fortifications of that Kingdome: Alſo he had appointed that the Marq. of *Trevico*, and the Seignior *Scipione Filomarino* ſhould conduct a Regiment of foot into the Dukedom of *Millan*, the Mar. being choſen Colonel, and the other Sergeant Maiors of the Regiment.

From Rome the 14 of December.

To day came here a Poſt that was ſent from *Valtolina*, and brought tydings how that the Griſons and other ſouldiers of the Princes, and States which haue made a league together, were entred already the valley of *Poſciavo*, and other places of more importance lying thereabout.

The Cardinall *Barbarino* who is Protector both of the Greekiſh and Scottiſh nation hath bought a place neere to the Colledge of the Grecians, for to build another for the Scottiſhmen, being reſolued to ſpend aboue 4000 duckets vpon the building of it, and to allow them meanes for their liuing.

The Cardinall of *Sauoy* hath receiued againe from the Duke his father 20000 Crownes to maintaine himſelfe honorably in this Court.

Here is is great prouiſion made againſt the ariuall of the Ambaſſadors of *Venice* which are daily expected.

They write from *Naples* that the Prince *D'Aſcoli* was there come backe againe: that there was no likelihood that the Neapolitan horſe which were lately leauied ſhould be ſent into the Dukedome of *Millan*, ſeeing that the Vice-roy of that Kingdome hauing giuen them a pay of two moneths, diſmiſt them.

As likewiſe that the Marquis of *Trevico* was come there to leauie a Regiment of foot for the ſeruice of his Catholike Maieſtie, vpon order giuen him by the aforementioned Vice-Roy. Moreouer, that there were forty perſons put vpon the Gallies for diuers delicts by them committed, and that there were the day before, two ſlaues which were chriſtened, executed, by reaſon that they had murthered the Lady *Velaſque* their Miſtris.

From

From Rome the 21 *of December.*

The Prince of *Polen* is here daily expected, and it is reported that hee hath bestowed vpon the Church of the Lady of *Loretto* an Image of St. *Stanislaus* being made of pure gold, and diuers reliques of the same saint.

Here ariued lately a sonne of the Baron of *Anholt*. and yesterday came here the Ambassadors of the Siegneury of *Venice*, being fetcht to this city by many Prelates, Lords and other men of quality that met him with their Coaches, and were the same euening feasted by order of the Pope.

On the next wednesday they had audience of the Pope, (the Cardinall *Antonio Barbarino* who is a Nephew of his Holinesse comming with them) & shewed obedience to the Pope in the name of the Seigneury of *Venice*. On the 20 of this month was here a Grecian burnt that had said Masse, although hee was not an admitted Priest.

The Marquise of *Trevico* (as they write from *Naples*) hath already chosen some Captaines, and giuen them charge to leauie men. The reuocation is printed of all the indulgences or concessions, priuiledges and graces which haue been granted in former times to the preiudice of the Sea of Rome.

From Venice the 13 *of December.*

They write from *Genoa*, that some Gallies of the Prince *Doria* had brought 800 Spanish souldiers out of the Kingdome of *Sicilia*, and were appointed to land them at *Votri*, to goe thence to *Millan*: as likewise that the Prince of *Polen* was there ariued with an intention to goe thence towards *Rome*. We vnderstand by letters sent from *Turin* in *Sauoy*, that about *Brianzon* (which is some 40 leagues thence) there are gathered some 12000 French foot, and 2000 French horse.

From

From Venice the 20 of December.

We vnderſtand from *Millan* by letters written the 21 of this Moneth, that vpon the many times reiterated inſtances of the Marq. *de Bagni*, the Gouernour of *Millan* hath ſent towards *Valtolin* 13 Companies of foot, and 7 troups of horſe, beſides 500 Muskettiers, and 2 troups of horſe to defend the forts in *Valtolina*, againſt the inuaſion of the Mar. *de Coeuvre*, who hauing taken in the valley the towne of *Piantamala* (notwithſtanding, that it was depoſed with the remainder of *Valtolina* in the hands of the Pope) ſet down before *Tirano*. The Marq. of *Bagni* being a little while before gone out of the ſame towne with many ſouldiers and other inhabitants of *Valtolina*, hauing alſo taken with him the Knight *Roboſtello*, intending to ſtop the warlike proceedings of the French and their confederates, but perceiuing afterwards that he was too weake for them, he retyred himſelfe to the Caſtle, and left the remainder in the poſſeſſion of the M. *de Coeuvre*, who ſent preſently ſome Companies of foot abroad, to pull down the bridge of St. *Tacomo*, to ſtop thereby the paſſage of the troups that were comming from *Millan* to aide the M. of *Bagni*: Moreouer, they write from *Turino*, that the French Forces which were come in the dukedome of *Sauoy*, were marching towards *Mandovi*, and that they held that the warre ſhould begin betwixt *France* and *Spaine* in caſe the Spaniſh will oppoſe themſelues againſt the deſignes and proceedings of the Marquis *de Coeuvre*.

They write from *Genoa* that the Seignior was there ſtill leauing more ſouldiers, and had made a decree that all their ſubiects which are worth 15000 florins, (each one of them is worth two ſhillings ſterling) ſhould

They aduiſe from *Turino*, that the Duke of *Sauoy* hath commanded all his ſubiects by a publike proclamation to keepe all their hay and ſtraw for his ſeruice.

They write from *Monferate*, that the Duke of *Mantua* hath diſmiſt the Souldiers which hee had lately leauied, and commanded all his ſubiects which ſerue any other Princes or States to forſake their ſeruice vpon paine of death, and the confiſcation of their goods, and that many which entred into the ſeruice of the Signiory of *Genua* returne thereupon dayly home.

Moreouer letters are written from *Millaine*, how that there was arriued an Ambaſſador of the Duke of *Mantua*, and very well entertayned by the Gouernour of *Millaine*: As likewiſe how that they had receiued tydings how that the Marquis *De Coeuvre* had made many demonſtrations of the loue of the King of *France* to winne the hearts of the Inhabitants of *Velonia*, and had offered very good conditions to the Knight *Robuſtello*, if hee would ſubmit himſelfe vnder the protection of his Maiſter, whereupon this Knight anſwered, that hee would not acknowledge any other protectors then the Pope and his Catholike Maieſty, and that hee and his would venture for them both their liues and goods: Moreouer that they had receiued newes from *Alſatia*, that there were yet many French Horſe to come to ayde the Marquis of *Coeuvre*, and were already marcht throught the two Cantons of *Berne*, and *Zurich*.

They write from *Spaine* with letters of the 8. of this moneth, how that they expect there the Arch-Duke *Charles* of *Austria* against the 20. of the same, and that he shalbe made great Prior, and Generall of the Sea, or high Admirall of *Spaine*: And that the King of *Spaine* was sending to *Turino Don Iohan de Verras* to condole with the Duke of Savoy, ouer the death of his sonne *Filibert*

On Sunday last, was the Funerall heere at *Venice*, made of our last Duke, who died on the fifth day of this moneth of *December*, and his corpes was brought to Saint *Iohn*, and Powels beeing accompanied by all the great Schooles, Friers, Nunnes, and Clergy of this City, and of this Signiory, and many Ambassadors of Forraine Princes, and States.

They write from *Vienna*, that neither the *Turkes* nor *Bethlem Gabor* haue any minde to conclude the peace with the house of *Austria*, seeing that the warre beginneth to kindle in diuers parts of Christendome, and will therefore differ the Treaty vntill the next Spring: as likewise how that the Emperour hath sent the Count of *Drout-Mansdorf* to the Duke of *Bavaria*, to perswade his highnesse, that he will accept of the vpper *Palatinate*, in lieu of the Land of *Ouer-Ens*, and surrender that to his Emperiall Maiesty.

Wee vnderstand by all the last lettets that came from *Prague*, that the Emperour hath sent there some Commissioners to lay there a new taxation vpon the houses, wine, beare, and diuers other things;

and

and that six Companies of the Regiment of *Nassaw* being sent towards the *Palatinate*, the other forces would not march vp before they got a two moneths pay, as was also reported in our formes Newes.

Heere are chosen 41. persons out of the Magistrate of this City, which went to chuse the new Duke this morning, after the seruice of the Masse was done in the Church of *Spirito Sancto*, at which election were chosen the procurators *Nani*, and *Erizzo*, this had 18. voyces, and the other 23. but ought to haue 25. to be the Duke of *Venice*.

The new English Ambassador is here arriued, but he is not to make his entry before the new Duke shalbe chosen.

From Venice *the* 27. *of Decemb.*

They aduice vs by particular letters from *Genoa*, how that the Signiory of *Genoa* hath appoynted Signior *Camelio Spinola* to goe into *Germany*, to leauy there 2000. Germans: Notwithstanding that they shall hardly be able to passe, and come through: That the Signiors *Nicolao Salusso*, *Cesare Durasso*, and *Philippo Paluicino* are describing 4000. foote which shalbe commanded to be ready when time shall serue: The Signiory hauing accepted of the offers of Souldiers which haue beene made by diuers Lords, and men of quality, as the Prince *Doria*, *Pietro Maria Gentile*, and diuers other, and amongst the rest by the Signiory of *Luca*, who will maintaine also at her owne charge for the seruice of

this Signiory 600. fooote, is neuertheleſſe yet daily leauying more men, and will keepe 4000. foote about the Riuer *Ponente*, and 40. companies in the City. This Signiory hauing vnderſtood that diuers great Veſſels of *Holland*, *Savoy*, and other places, are come in the Company of the French to *Niſſa* in Province, with an intention to ſcoure the Sea thereabout, and moleſt the Signiory of *Genoa*, they prepared there many ſhips: They relate moreouer that the Duke of *Savoy* himſelfe hath 5. ſhippes amongſt them.

They had there alſo tyding out of *Piemont*, how that the Drum was there euery-where ſound to leauy 80. companies of foote, and that the Prince *Thomaſo*, who had reſolued to keepe his Wedding about the end of this moneth of *December*, and to bring his Bride home, was now of an other reſolution, and went into *Savoy* to conduct more forces into *Piemont*, hauing firſt ſent his naturall brother *Don Phillipo* in *France* to marry her there vppon his procuration.

They write from *Millaine*, with letters dated the 18. of this moneth, how that the Marquis *de Bagni* hauing ſurrendred the Caſtle of *Tirano*, marcht out of it with all his ſouldiers, hauing their Enſignes diſplayd; and one of the 4 peeces which were there with him, and went to *Sondrio*, which the Marquis beſiedged and tooke alſo afterwards, as they write: As likewiſe how that the Marquis *de Coeuvre* hath made a propoſition to the *Veltoliners*, namely, that they ſhould ſurrender themſelues to the confederated

ted Prince and States, and that thoſe Princess and States ſhould appoynt Commiſſioners to decide the differences betwixt the Griſons and them, and that if ſome ſhould diſlike the deciſion, they ſhould haue leaue to ſell their Lands, goods and other eſtates, and go to dwell, whereſoeuer they would themſelues.

In this Italian Newes is likewiſe confirmed, how that they had tiding at *Venice* by Letters dated at *Vienna*, the 14. of *December*,: how that the Turkiſh Treaty of Peace is broke off, and the Imperial commiſſioners were comming home: and that there were Letters intercepted, by which it appeared that *Bethlem Gabor* and many Hungarian Lords intend to ioyne themſelues with the confederated Princes and States.

Wee haue receiued tidings by the way of Bergamo, that the Marquis *Le Coeuvre* hauing taken *Tiran*, beſiedged *Sondrio*, which Towne ſurrendered it ſelfe preſently: but the Caſtle holding ſtil out the Marquis batterd it with his Ordinance, and taking it, ſlew many of the defenders, and as it is rumored alſo by the Knight *Robuſtello*.

Heere are againe come with two ſhips 300. braue ſouldiers of *Dalmatia* to ſerue this Signiory.

They write in a Poſt dated from *Millan* that the Ambaſſadours of Swiſſerland were thence departed, ſaueing onely one of *Alſaorſe*, ſaying that they muſt be at the generall meeteing that was to be at *Lucerna*, on the 17 of *December*.

That the Collonell *Serbillione* beeing ſent to the

Veltolina, and hauing vnderſtood that the French had ſtopt his paſſage ouer the Bridge of St. *Iacomo*, found another way and came by *Sondrio*, but the Popiſh forces would receiue none of them, ſeeing that they had no order for it, and that hee returned therefore againe into the State of *Millan*, and inquartred his Forces vppon the frontiers of the ſame; as alſo it was rumored that the Knight *Pecchio* was come to ſuccour *Cleue* with 500. foote.

Wee learne by the laſt Lerters that were ſent to vs from *Conſtantinople*, that the Grand Signior hauing ſhewed himſelfe to the common people for the firſt time, and rod through the City; they ſhewed great ſignes of ioy, that the Generall of the Gallies was againe gon to the Blacke Sea, with the Turkiſh Nauey, to reſiſt the *Coſſackes*, which were doing there great dammage.

This Signiory of *Venice* hath receiued the Count *Luigni dilla Torre* in their ſeruice, and giuen him order to leauy 150. horſe: the Count *Vrbano Savorgnano* is likwiſe leauying for this State ſome 3000. horſe.

The Spaniſh ſouldiers haue robd the Poaſt of *Millan*, and taken as well his Letters as other things which he had about him.

Wee vnderſtand by ſeuerall Letters that are ſent from the *Bunten* and Griſons, how that the Caſtle of *Tiran* was taken by the *French* and their and their confederates, after they had made three aſſaults, in which there were were loſt ſome 200. Frenchmen and as many Swiſſers.

But

But when they came in the Caſtle they ſlew there ſome 1500. men, and made hauocke of all what they found.

From Swits *the* 13 *of* December.

The Signory of *Venice* hath ſent an Army of 8000. men, and 16. peeces of Ordinance into the *Veltolina* to ayde their confederates: the Marquis *De Coeuvre* hauing taken the drawing bridge and the ſteigh, and beſet it with ſome of his men, hee cauſed preſently a Fort to bee rayſed betwixt the ſteigh and the bridge, at which the tole or cuſtome is vſually payed, to ſecure himſelfe the better of the paſſage: afterwards went the *French* and their confederates, as likewiſe the Regiments of *Swauenſtyane* and *Sulis* to beſiedge *Cleue*, intending to ſet preſently vppon *Veltolina*: they of *Veltolina* hearing that they were drawing neere, ſent ſome Commiſioners to the Marquis *De Coeuvre* to giue him to vnderſtand that they were willing to make peace if that they might bee incorporated in the third confederation of them of *Brittigaw*: but the Marquis would not condiſcend thereunto, ſeeing that they of *Brittigaw* haue lately confirmed againe by oath the confederation with *France*, reſeruing onely the right of the Houſe of *Auſtria* in 8 iuriſdictions.

The Marquis *De Coeure* hauing learned that the Spaniſh were in great numbers marching towards *Veltoline*, and that the Forces of *Venice* and *Sauoy*, were likewiſe drawing on to reſiſt them, he marcht with twelue thouſaud men through the mountaines towards *Cleue*, and beſiedged it very ſtraightly,

ſtraightly, that no prouiſion could be brought either in or out of the Towne: And afterwards he battred it in ſuch fierce manner, with 38. peeces which hee got from *Chur*, that they within it beganne to parley, being reſolued to ſurrender the Towne vppon good tearmes.

The Proteſtant Princes haue choſen the Count of *Suſa* to be the Generall of their Army, and hee hath already gathered all the forces which haue been leauied for them in thoſe parts: As ſoone as they ſhalbe muſtered, he is to encampe himſelfe with the other forces that are to be ſent vnto him, betwixt *Berne* and *Baſil*, and to force Monſier *Tilly* to rayſe his Campe which lyeth about Baden, ſeeing that (as it ſeemeth) he is reſolued to beſiedge the ſame town.

There is lately a Bridge built on the riuer of *Rhyne*, not farre from *Zurich*, and on each ſide of the ſame is a halfe Moone caſt vp.

From Nurenberg *the* 14. *of* Decemb.

The 3 Regiments which the Emperor appointed lately to march with great ſpeed to *Tilly*, do not ſtir yet, and it is thought that his Imperiall Maieſty hath other employment for them, ſeeing that *Bethlem Gabor* hath againe ſome new deuiſes in his head, & will not keepe any longer peace with the Emperor.

From Nurenberg *the* 20. *of* December.

Wee haue receiued tidings how that *Bethlem* is reſolued make ſome great enterprize, and to performe that which hee hath promiſed to the Proteſtant Princes, as ſoone as he ſhall learne that Count *Mansfield* is gon to the field with his Forces.

From

From Chur the 15. of December.

The French Generall the Marquis of *Coeuvre* hauing taken the *Fortification* wich is callad *Pro domo*, and lyeth but a league from Tiran, got thereby open passage to Veltolina, and besieged presently Tiran, which was afterwards by him taken: and the Venetian Armie came about the same time in Veltolina to aide him.

The Spanish hauing fired their houses and cabins which they had in the Sconce called *alla Ripa*, and taken 12. peeces of Ordinance out of it, forsooke the same.

Leopaldus keepeth yet 300. men in the Towne of Veltkirch.

We haue also receaued tydings that the Count of *Bormio*, and the Towne of Cleue haue yeelded themselues to the French and their confederates.

The 5. Bundtens haue besides their Regiments raised yet in all their Iurisdictions some Companies, which are partly to be maintained by the League, and partly by the Countrie.

We receaued here also newes how that *Sandrio* hath surrendered it selfe to the Marquis of *Coeuvre*.

From Millan the 15. of December.

Our Gouernour hauing vnderstood by good intelligence that the Constable *Ledigueres* was drawing his forces out of the Dukedome of Sauoye, with an intention to inuade the State of Milane, he sent such Souldiers as was yet here to be spared to the Fort Fuentes to defend it.

And there is a rumour spred abroad, that it is already besieged by the French and their Confederates.

From Cullen the 25. of December.

We haue receaued tydings from the Grisons, that the

Marquis of *Couure* hauing taken all the Veltolina except the Towne of Cleue & 3. or 4. other places; both Cleue which is the chiefest & all the rest haue surrendered themselues to the Marquis afore mentioned, vpon some conditions and Articles drawen betwixt them.

From Cullen the 26. of December.

With the last letters we receaued from Amsterdam, they write in this manner: The Souldiers which haue beene leauyed in East-land and the Hanse Townes, passe daylie in great numbers through this Citie, and goe to our Camp: wee expect yet 8000. foote that are to come thence with the first Easterne winde, some of the horse are arriued at Swoll comming thence by land, and we expect the rest daylie, amounting together to 2000. horse.

The flatte-bottome boates and other vessels, and shalouppes lye yet about the Black and in the Riuer of Marke, which runneth through the Towne of Breda, without making any attempt, seeing that the water was not as yet growne high enough, in the Interim there were many warlike instruments and other prouision brought daylie to them. The Marquis *Spinola* is not idle in the meane time, and hath amongst other things which he hath lately done, shut vp the Riuer of Marke, both with piles and boordes, so that our men shall not bee able to get the Sconce of Ter Heyden without spilling of much blood: we maruaile much that our warlike forces vrge not more then they doe in the rescuing of the Town of Breda, for they which are within it can hardely any more come either out of it, or in it afterwards, and are in great want of butter and cheese, and haue onely plenty of corne, sirops, hony and stocke-fish.

It is rumored that our Campes, both of Rosendale and Wachwyck are to breake vp, and to come to Steenbergen,

gen, but the Sconces which are raiſed about thoſe Camps ſhall ſtill be kept by our Souldiers.

Some of the Spaniſh Souldiers which now are in a mutinie, are ſolliciting at the Hage to get a Rendez-vous by the appointment of the Generall States.

They which dwell about the Riuer of Weſer write, that ſome Imperiall Souldiers went lately out of their Quarters, but within the ſpace of fewe dayes they came againe to them, being commanded to doe ſo by their heads and Conductors.

From Cullen the 2. of Ianuary.

We receaued here tydings out of Holland by letters of the 29. of the laſt month written at Dort, how that the Marriners of Holland, & other ſouldiers of the States had ſtopt vp the Riuer of Breda, and raiſed a Sconce on euery ſide of it, and that thoſe Sconces are now furniſhed with many thouſand of men to hinder the Enemies that they may not open the Riuer, or pierce the dyke which is made to keepe the water in the land, when it ſhall come in with a ſpring tyde and a North-weſt wind.

Hence are ſent eight peeces of Ordinance and great ſtore of victualles and munition to relieue the Towne of Breda.

At Amſterdam were lately 500. Marriners hired, for to be imployed about the Ordinance of Count *Mansfield*, and were preſently thereupon ſent towards Zealand.

Some of the Souldiers of the Duke of *Newburg* purſuing lately 60. Souldiers of the Marquis of *Brandenberg*, which had pilladged the ſmall towne Benitſheym, ouertooke them, and got them all ſauing eight that eſcaped, the reſt were all brought to Duſſell Dorp, but how they ſhall ſpeed Godknoweth.

From Bruſſell the 3. of Ianuary.

The Marquis *Spinola* cauſed lately three batteries to be raiſed before the Towne of Breda, and we are here of opinion, that it ſhall not be able to holde long out for want of victualles. But they which come out of Holland tell vs another tale, and will laye great ſummes of money, that it is yet prouided for 4. months. The time will ſhewe vs the truth.

From Bergen vp Zoome the 9. of Ianuary.

We vnderſtand, by ſome which came lately from Roſendale how all our horſe were gone abroade, to make ſome exploit: As likewiſe that there were alſo ſent out of our Campe ſome Companies of foote to defend the dyke which lyeth on the water ſide a long the Swalewe: Moreouer that there came yet daylie many Souldiers of the Enemies both horſe and foote (hauing forſaken the Marquis *Spinola*) to the Prince of *Orange*, and that many of them reporte, that the Companies of the Spaniſh being by diuers accidents in ſuch a manner weakened, that many of them are not aboue 40. or 50. men ſtrong: the Marquis was hardly able to beſet his Sconces, Redoutes, & other workes as was fitting: had therefore granted new Commiſſions to leauie 6000. light horſe, 7000. foote, & 1000. Cuiraſſiers.

Moreouer, they reported that Marqueſſe *Spinola* expected likewiſe ſome Souldiers, which are leauied in Germanie, for the ſeruice of the king of Spaine, and the *Infanta*. As likewiſe that the Biſhop of *Atrecht* had written a Letter to the Marqueſſe *Spinola*, and deſired thereby, that he would be pleaſed to leaue Breda inblockt, and beſet with few ſouldiers, and come with the reſt in Elanders, to reſiſt the deſignes of Connt *Mansfield*; who (as he was perſwaded)

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is reſolued to inuade it, and many of the Countrey people began already to ſaue their goods in the townes, & ſtrong holds of Flanders, Artois, & Hainault; and many of them were daily repaired and made ſtronger; and eſpecially the towne of Dunkercke, which was very weake, and might eaſily haue beene taken, being commanded by a higher ground that lyeth neare to the towne.

Theſe Spaniſh ſouldiers ſay likewiſe that both the dearth and ſcarcity of money continued ſtill in the Campe of the Marqueſſe *Spinola*, and that it was hardly poſſible for any ſouldier to continue there any longer time, ſeeing that the foote haue but 24. Stiuers apeece allowed them weekly, and the horſe three Gilders. The 24. Stiuers amount to 2. ſhillings and 5. pence ſterling: the three Gilders to 6. ſhillings ſterling.

Neuertheleſſe is the Marqueſſe Spinola not reſolued to giue ouer the ſiedge, and hath cauſed a dike to be made about his redouts, and ſconces, as long as a league (ſome 1500. men working at it, ſtrengthen the ſame with Trees, Bauins, and Iron ſtaues) thinking thereby to defend his Campe from the water which the Prince of *Orange* is reſolued to bring in it.

From Roſendale the 10. *of Ianuary.*

The Enemie continueth yet to ſtrengthen his workes which he hath raiſed to keepe the water out, which is daily faſter and faſter comming in; and hauing lately ſent ſome of his ſoldiers to pierce the Dike about the Swalewe, ſome of our Companies that were thereabout to defend it, made them returne backe againe to their Campe.

The miſery and dearth increaſeth yet daily more and more in all his Quarters, and they which are in his Quar-

ter of Ter-Heyden, ſuffer more miſery then the other, ſeeing that by reaſon of the water which is come in, they are deuided from the other.

Our men haue (with great labour and paines) pierced all the Dikes which are neare to the mooriſh grounds, and broken in pieces many ſluces and dammes; and amongſt the reſt, they haue likewiſe pierced the Dikes that come from Calamphout and Weſt-Weſel, and runne towards Sundert, Hoochſtraten, and Etten; by which meanes the Water falling downe towards the Spaniſh Campe, and the towne of Breda: they of the towne, keepe ſome in the towne with their ſluces, and the remainder drowneth the Spaniſh Campe in ſeuerall places.

Our men are likewiſe below very buſie to ſtop the Riuer, many Marriners, Souldiers, & Carpenters, being ſent thitherwards to the ſame effect, and our ſhips, flat bottomd-boates, and ſhaloupes, brought in the Riuer.

This ſtopping or damming, is made about a place which is called in Dutch Bet-Lams-gat, that is to ſay, the Lambes hole, and there are already ſunken two great Barkes, and ſuch ſtore of Bauins, and other materialls, that it is hardly to be beleeued.

When the damm and the dike ſhall both be ready, then are the ſluces which are in the town to be opened, by which means the Water from aboue running to that which is belowe in the field, it will make it very high and nauigable for Boates, and other ſmall Veſſels.

Count *Henry* of *Naſſaw* hath lately raiſed diuerſe ſconces about Hertogenboſh, to inblocke it, and it is reported, that that towne is worſe prouided with victuals then Breda.

Some thouſand of our horſe went lately to Calamphout and thereabout, and brought thence all the prouiſion they could

could get for their horſes.

They of Breda are ſtill of a good courage, and make no doubt but they ſhall be reſcued : They gaue alſo lately a ſigne, that they haue repaired & ſtrengthened their ſluces, to reſiſt the violence of the Water. The Gouernor *Iuſtinus* of *Naſſaw*, hath taken many of the poorer ſort of the Burgers into the pay of the States, and giues them ſufficient meanes : He hath likewiſe giuen order, that the victuals and other prouiſion are ſparingly diſtributed, that they may laſt the longer.

From Amſterdam the 11. *of Ianuary.*

We haue receiued tydings from Gertruidenberge, that the Marqueſſe *Spinola* is no more approaching to the town of Breda, hauing perceaued that he cannot preuaile with them againſt the towne : as likewiſe that he hath lately made two ſeuerall attempts to pierce the Dike about the Swalewe, but they tooke no effect. Moreouer, that the dam and diuerſe other workes, were finiſhed about the greene wood, and made very ſtrong with trees, their rootes, and Bauens, and that aſſoone as the other workes and ſluces ſhall be made fit to keepe the water in, there ſhall be giuen warning to them of Breda, which keepe great ſtore of water in the town with their ſluces, that they ſhall open them to drowne both the Campe of the Enemies, & the fields without it.

They write likewiſe thence, that vpon New yeares Eue, that the Marques *Spinola* cauſed the Ordinance very fiercely to be diſcharged vpon the towne, intending perhaps to giue them a new yeares gift, and that they within the anſwered him in the like tune.

There came yet dayly many Souldiers out of the Eaſt parts, ſome of them are ſent to our Campe, and ſome towards Callis: The horſe which we expect ſtill, are not as

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yet all come.

The Admirall *Iacob Wilkens* came with his other ſhippes euen on the ſame time on our Coaſts when the Admirall *Lam* was ſailing out of Texell, but he and his Vice-admirall hauing taken ground vpon the coaſt, they were both compelled to returne to Texell; by which accident, the Admirall *Wilkens* got oportunitie to confer a good while with the Admirall *Lam*, about the affaires of the Weſt Indies: The winde being preſently good againe, they hoyſed vp their ſailes and went to Sea, in the company of 200. Saile, which went to diuerſe places.

Few daies agoe, was the yongeſt Daughter of the King of Bohemia chriſtned at the Hage, the Queene Mother of Frãnce was her Godmother, and the Ambaſſadours of Venice and Sauoy her Godfathers, in the name of their Maiſters as it is thought.

From Roſendale the 2. of Ianuary.

We receaued intelligence from Breda of a prety inuention of Sir *Charles Morgan*, to amaze the Enemy concerning the Towne of Breda, which was in this manner: He appointed 400. men to be clad in Ox or Cowe hides, and ſent them out into the medowes with certaine Heardsmen to attend them, which for diuers dayes together went out in the habits of beaſts, whereupon *Spinola* admired how they ſhould haue ſo many Cattle left: and cald a Counſell, whereupon it was diuerſely debated concerning the continuance of the ſiedge, which then grew doubtfull: but in concluſion order was giuen, that they ſhould ſhoot off certaine peeces of Ordinance to trye what Heard of Cattle this was, whereupon they all forſooke their habits and ranne away and ſhevv'd themſelues beaſts indeed and fled to the Towne, and ſhevved themſelues to the Enemy vvhat they vvere.

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